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SUBJECT: AID TO CYPRUS

1. FOLLOWING ANSWERS WERE PROVIDED MAY 4 BY DEPARTMENT IN
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS PUT TO COUNSELOR NIMETZ AT HEARINGS
BEFORE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE'S SUBCOMMIT-
TEE ON EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST (HAMILTON SUBCOMMITTEE)
APRIL 21.

2. QUOTE. QUESTION: MR. FINLEY: MR. NIMETZ, IN DECEMBER
OF 1976, THE GREEK CYPRIOT MINISTER OF FINANCE ISSUED A
PAPER ON CYPRUS' ECONOMIC NEEDS OF DISPLACED POPULATION.
AID MADE A REPLY TO IT, AND THEN THERE CAME A REBUTTAL.
COULD YOU PREPARE, FOR THE RECORD, AN ANSWER TO THE REBUT-
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TAL?

ANSWER: WE HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL STUDY TO BOTH COMMUNICATIONS
PRESENTED TO US BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS ON THIS SUBJECT.
WE AGREE THAT THERE STILL REMAINS ON CYPRUS A LARGE BODY OF
DISPLACED PERSONS WHO ARE UNABLE TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES.
THE NEEDS OF THESE PEOPLE WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO PLACE

SPECIAL BURDENS UPON THE ECONOMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS UNTIL SOME POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IS ACHIEVED. HOWEVER, WITH THE EXPENDITURE OF THE DOLS 72.5 MILLION DONATED BY THE UNITED STATES FOR CYPRUS RELIEF THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 1977, AS WELL AS FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES, WE BELIEVE THAT THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF THESE REFUGEES WILL HAVE BEEN MET. IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS HAS DEMONSTRATED A CAPACITY TO RESPOND TO THESE NEEDS AND WE BELIEVE IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE CAPABLE OF MEETING CONTINUING REFUGEE NEEDS WITHOUT FURTHER LARGE AMOUNTS OF OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.

3. QUESTION: MR. HAMILTON: THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENCES IN ESTIMATES FOR HOUSING FOR REFUGEES. WE HAVE AN ESTIMATE FROM THE MINISTER OF FINANCE OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT MINISTRY OF FINANCE THAT THERE IS NEED FOR 35,000 ADDITIONAL HOUSING UNITS AFTER 1977. THE AID STUDY INDICATES THAT THERE IS NO SUCH NEED. HOW COME WE HAVE THAT KIND OF DISCREPANCY?

ANSWER: A FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE REMAINS ON THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES REQUIRING HOUSING. THE JANUARY GOC MEMORANDUM STATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1976 THAT 160,000 REFUGEES WERE IN NEED OF HOUSING. THE AID PAPER QUESTIONED THIS NUMBER SINCE THE GOC HAD INDICATED THAT AS OF MAY 1976 THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN NEED OF HOUSING WAS 79,469. THE GOC REBUTTAL EXPLAINS THE DIFFERENCE BY STATING THAT THE MAY NUMBER REFERRED "ONLY TO THOSE IN TENTED ACCOMMODATIONS". THIS IS PUZZLING SINCE THE MAY, 1976 GOC FIGURES GAVE AN UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPLICIT BREAKDOWN OF THE 79,469: 13,865 IN TENTS; 8,604 IN SHACKS; 2,000 IN TEMPORARY FACILITIES; AND 55,000 REFUGEES LIVING IN OVERCROWDED SITUATIONS WITH RELATIVES.

WITH REGARD TO THE GOC STATEMENT THAT 35,000 ADDITIONAL HOUSING UNITS ARE NEEDED AFTER 1977, WE CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT NUMBER IS EXCESSIVE. HOWEVER, EVEN IF THE GOC SEPTEMBER STATISTICS ON HOUSING NEEDS WERE ACCEPTED, 35,000 UNITS PLUS THOSE MADE AVAILABLE IN 1975 AND 1976, WOULD STILL PROVIDE MORE HOUSING UNITS THAN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DISPLACED GREEK CYPRIOT FAMILIES.

NOTE IN CALCULATING NUMBER OF REFUGEES TO BE HOUSED AID HAS USED THE STANDARD OF 4.5 PERSONS PER HOUSING UNIT. THIS FORMULATION HAS BEEN USED CONSISTENTLY BY THE GOC'S OWN DEPARTMENT OF TOWN PLANNING AND HOUSING IN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SINCE IT BEGAN THE REFUGEE HOUSING PROGRAM.

4. QUESTION: MR. HAMILTON: COULD YOU PROVIDE, FOR THE

RECORD, THE BREAKDOWN OF HOW THE MONEY HAS BEEN SPENT IN
FISCAL YEAR 1977 AND ALSO 1976?

ANSWER: SUMMARY: US ASSISTANCE (MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

	----- FISCAL YEAR -----		
	1975 ACT.	1976 ACT.	1977 EST.
TOTAL US AID	25.0	30.0	17.5

CONTRIBUTED TO			
UNHCR	20.8	29.9	17.5

FOOD	7.5	8.5	2.9
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EMERGENCY NEEDS
(TENTS, BLANKETS,
SHEETS, MEDICAL
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SUPPLIES, ETC.) 6.7

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND DOMESTIC EQUIPMENT	0.4	0.4	
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TRANSPORTATION OF
COMMODITIES (MOVE-
MENTS FROM OVERSEAS
PLUS INTERNAL DISTRI-
BUTION IN CYPRUS) 0.9

COTTAGE INDUSTRY/
HANDICRAFTS PROJECT 0.4

OLD AGE HOMES FOR REFUGEES	0.7		
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HOUSING	1.6	13.0	8.5
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REFORESTATION		2.0	.4
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AGRICULTURE PROJECTS IN THE NORTH (SEEDS, EXTENSION, ETC.)		0.	.5
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HEALTH PROJECTS IN NORTH AND SOUTH (DRUGS, EQUIPMENT, CONSTRUCTION OF HEALTH FACILITIES)	0.1	2.7	1.6
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EDUCATION PROJECTS IN

NORTH AND SOUTH (SUP-
PLIES AND EQUIPMENT) 0.4 .8

OTHER RELIEF PROJECTS 2.5 1.8 2.1
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PROGRAM AND ADMIN-
ISTRATIVE SUPPORT
FOR UNHCR 0.5 0.6

CONTRIBUTION TO
UN FORCE IN CYPRUS
(UNFICYP) HUMANI-
TARIAN ACTIVITIES 0.2

INTERNATIONAL COM-
MITTEE OF THE RED
CROSS (ICRC) 4.2

CASH GRANTS (1.7)

AID IN KIND
(FOOD, MEDICAL
SUPPLIES, AND
OTHER RELIEF
SUPPLIES) (2.5)

EMBASSY PROGRAM SUP-
PORT (TECHNICAL)
ASSISTANCE, TDY
CONSULTANTS 0.1

NOTE: FY 76 IN-
CLUDES DOLS 5 MILLION
OBLIGATED IN THE
TRANSITION QUARTER

(1) INCLUDES SPECIAL REFUGEE REACTIVATION SUPPORT PRO-
GRAMS; SUPPORT FUNDS FOR REFUGEE DAY CARE CENTERS OR
SOCIAL CENTERS FOR YOUTH; LOCAL PROCUREMENT OF SPECIAL
CATEGORY REFUGEE NEEDS (FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS, INFANTS, THE
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ELDERLY, ETC.); RESETTLEMENT GRANTS. UNQUOTE

5. FOLLOWING EXCHANGE ALSO OCCURRED WITH REGARD TO CONTINUED FOOD AID:

QUOTE. MR. HAMILTON: THE SAME KIND OF DISCREPANCY EXISTS WITH REGARD TO THE FOOD SUPPORT. THE AID PAPER SAYS THAT IN THEIR JUDGMENT ABOUT 26,000 TO 30,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL REQUIRE FULL FOOD SUPPORT IN 1978, AND THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SAYS THAT IT IS CLOSER TO 145,000. WE WOULD LIKE AN EXPLANATION WITH REGARD TO THAT.

MR. NIMETZ: IN AN ISSUE LIKE THAT, IT DEPENDS ON HOW YOU DEFINE AN INDIVIDUAL AS A REFUGEE. WE TAKE THE VIEW THAT IF SOMEONE HAS A JOB AND A HOUSE ALREADY, AND IS LOCATED, HE WOULD FALL OUT OF THAT CATEGORY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT TAKE A DIFFERENT VIEW OF THAT DEFINITION. UNQUOTE.

6. EMBASSY MAY CONVEY FOREGOING TO GOC AND INDICATE THAT THIS MATERIAL WILL APPEAR IN PRINTED RECORD OF APRIL 21 HEARING. WE PLAN INFORM CYPRUS EMBASSY MAY 6. CHRISTOPHER

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